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¶1. (C) Ambassador delivered reftel talking points on October 4 to Minister of Foreign Affairs Rudy Insanally.

¶2. (C) Insanally considered Chavez' UN speech "far too much," and said he appreciated Congressman Rangel's reported response to it. However, he indicated that Guyana would support Venezuela in the UNSC race for two "pragmatic" reasons:

--Guyana is dependent on imported oil and may need to access PetroCaribe in the future.

--Insanally believes that Chavez may be the only person who can finally resolve the "emotional" Guyana-Venezuela border dispute. Insanally referred to Chavez' public commitment to the UN good offices process during his 2004 Guyana visit, and his private comment to President Jagdeo during the same visit that Venezuela's territorial claim was "spurious," and suggested he may have the stature at home to finally "put this issue behind us."

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